

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 836

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Donald W. Blocker
for meritorious service to the citizens of Portland,
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Donald W. Blocker, O.D., who chose to settle his family and establish his practice in optometry in Portland more than thirty-seven years ago; and

WHEREAS, to the delight and pleasure of the good people of Portland and the surrounding community, Dr. Blocker continues to maintain a thriving practice with a hearty and appreciative clientele, some of whom are second and third generations of families to whom he has provided care over the years; and

WHEREAS, while living in Belgium, the doctor and his good wife, Dianne, who both hail from the Columbia area, longed to return to the middle Tennessee area and, fortuitously, they learned of an opportunity to assume an existing optometric practice in the fair and quaint community in northern Sumner County, where they have been most happy and content since re-locating here in 1974; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Dr. Blocker's practice has been witness to many changes. He has embraced the many medical, technological, and cosmetic innovations that have evolved. He notes that the most significant change is the advent of lasers, not only for corrections to the eye itself but also in the treatment of retinal problems and hemorrhaging problems so common among persons with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of his community, Dr. Blocker credits his success to knowing his patients, saying, "I think it helps to try to know your patients and their families. We try to give the best service we can and be nice to everyone"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional practice, Dr. Blocker dedicates his time and energy to community service, serving as a member of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blocker is a devout and active member of McKendree Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Blocker epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Blocker for his dedication to his community and to the good citizens of Portland; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Donald W. Blocker for his meritorious service to citizens of Portland and to the State of Tennessee. We extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.